

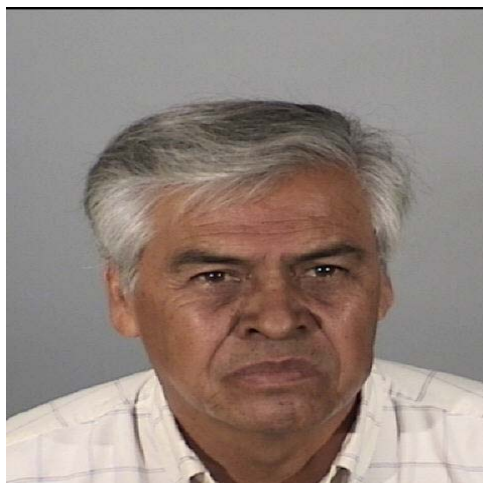
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Sexual Assault Arrest

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Jose Mendez Vazquez
67 years

Torrance Police Detectives arrested a 67-year-old male from the City of Torrance on various sex-related charges stemming from an incident that occurred in 2008.

Jose Mendez Vazquez, 67 years, of Torrance, was taken into custody without incident after Detectives investigated allegations that he had sexually molested a 4-year-old female outside his residence approximately four years ago.

Vazquez posted bail following his arrest. He was arraigned last week and charged with multiple counts of child molestation.

It is believed Vazquez worked as a Worship Leader at several local churches throughout the South Bay that specialize in Spanish masses. Vazquez may have been in contact with juveniles while there.

This crime is being investigated under the command and direction of Captain Bernard Anderson of the Special Operations Bureau. Anyone with additional information about Vazquez is encouraged to contact the Torrance Police Department Detective Division at (310) 618-5571.

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